

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An arrangement for connecting a switched connection network to the Internet, comprising: a switching node; and an operator console which is connected to said switching node via an interface, the Internet being connected to said switching node via said operator console and said interface.
2. The arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein said operator console has operator functions, said operator functions being designed so that they can be activated via a connection to the Internet.
3. The arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein said operator console is operated on a platform utilizing the Microsoft Windows NT™ operating system.
4. An operator console for connecting a switched connection network to the Internet, comprising operator functions which are designed so that they can be activated via a connection to the Internet.
5. The operator console as claimed in claim 4, further comprising: a conventional interface for connecting to a switching node; and a port for connecting to the Internet.
6. The operator console as claimed in claim 4, further comprising an application which automatically executes an operator function.
7. The operator console as claimed in claim 4, further comprising an application which acts as a proxy agent between said switched connection network and the Internet.
8. A method for accessing resources in a switching node of a switched connection system via the Internet, comprising the steps of: connecting an operator

5 console to said switching node; connecting said operator console to the Internet; providing an application programming interface; and accessing via said application programming interface which is provided for an operator application to access a resource of said switching node.